India will continue to raise this issue in international forums whenever opportune.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plants in Bihar

290. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar urged the Central Government to set up two atomic power plants in Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so the decision taken in this regard;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when a decision is expected to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The Government of Bihar recommended a number of sites for setting up of atomic power plants in the State.

(b) to (d) The Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy evaluated the sites recommended and its report in respect of the eastern electricity region, of which Bihar also forms a part, is under consideration.

Tension in Nagaland-Assam Border Areas

291. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the out break of fighting between Assam police and Nagaland police at Merapani;

(b) what is the number of deaths from each side as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that still there is tension in the area between the two sides;

(d) whether the Nagaland students served quit notice on the Assamese living near the boundary; and

(e) what remedial measures the Central Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) A boundary dispute based on territorial claims by Nagaland has been in existence between the States of Nagaland and Assam.

(b) According to the State Governments concerned, 28 police personnel and 13 civilians of Assam and 6 police personnel of Nagaland were killed in these clashes.

(c) As a result of the steps taken, the situation is fast returning to normal in Merapani area.

(d) The quit notices served by the Nagaland students have since been withdrawn. The two Chief Ministers in a joint statements have made a fervent appeal to all sections of the people of Assam and Nagaland particularly the people residing in the border areas to fully cooperate to help normalise the situation.

(e) Border Security Force has been inducted into the area and have effected complete disengagement of the two State police forces. Consultations are going on with the two State Government on the steps to be taken to settle the dispute on permanent basis.